

OLA Parish Council

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

I. Attendance:

Present: Fr. Mike Resop, Terra Naumowich, Deb McCann, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, John Searle, Frank McKearn, Sarah Carter, Bekki Zammuto, Sandy Blevins, Mariana Ramirez

Absent: none

Guests: OLA staff: Laura Warzecha, Gino Finn, Rachel Shepperd, Rob Olsen, and Trevor Seivert; Roger Kemman, Finance Council,

II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 8:04pm with prayer.

III. From Maintenance to Mission- Reflection with Council members and Commission Leadership- please see additional comments and thoughts following the formal meeting minutes.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved as submitted

VI. Commission Reports- Please remember: Commissions will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 8pm. **Full minutes from commission meetings will be forthcoming. Highlights are as follows:**

A. Liturgy Commission- Plans to move the tabernacle and repurpose that space continue. This move will be complete by fall of 2018. Review of Easter celebration was completed.

B. Education Commission-

- **School:** The annual Spring Fling on April 29th was very successful. The evening raised over \$18,000 which exceeded last year's event by \$2500.
- **Youth Ministry** Forty-four young adults were confirmed May 3rd. *Love Begins Here* will include 650 students from around the Diocese. Gino will be coordinating the group from OLA.
- **Faith Formation:** Faith Formation has concluded for this school year. "*Formed*" is an online catechism that will be available soon.

- **Child Care:** There are currently 67 children enrolled with a waitlist for infants.
 - Advertising billboards have been secured for 2017-2018 to promote OLA School and DayCare.
- C. Parish Life Commission/Stewardship Commission-** Ann Joyce attended to update the commission on the welcome packets. Letters have been sent to registered families about the upcoming pictorial directory. Plans for the fall festival are underway and planned for September 24th. The Lenten Fish Fry profited more than \$12,000 for the parish budget. The Good Friday Fish Fry allowed more than \$2600 to be donated to Caritas.
- D. Social Justice Commission-** The commission will take part in viewing a documentary on immigration on May 17th. There is a strong interest in this group to participate in the next cluster meeting.
- E. Finance Council Report-** Review of the income and expenses revealed consistent and on-track with budget planning, even slightly ahead. Jerry Klobucar will be joining the council. As a general contractor, he will be adding expertise as capital budgets for the grounds are being prepared. Budget numbers for the next fiscal year will be finalized at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Youth Ministry-** Gino will be leaving OLA. Farewell celebrations are being planned for after mass on June 3rd and 4th. The vacant positions offer a unique opportunity for OLA. The following proposal is presented by Father Mike and supported by the council: Rob will continue as Faith Formation Director for all grade levels. Mary Jean Olson will join the faith formation team for adult education, RCIA, baptismal preparation, and Hispanic outreach. Adam Gracyalny will support the youth ministry needs. He will be employed as the music teacher for the school (60%) and youth ministry (40%). All members of this faith formation team will report directly to Fr. Mike.
- B. Council Vacancies-** Terra Naumowich and Bekki Zammuto will be leaving the council at the end of this year with their terms expiring. Please submit names to Father Mike to fill these vacancies. These new members will be installed at the August meeting for a three year term.
- C. Fall Festival-** Dates for the fall festival are confirmed for September 24th. It is the council's desire to expand the Saturday evening event. Bekki Zammuto will chair the event but help is needed. Please let her know if you are interested in helping with the event.

VII. Updates-

- D. Project 360-** The first year of this project is completed and it has exceeded its original goal. Final contributions are estimated to be close to \$30,000.

E. Water Wall in Courtyard/Prayer Garden- We continue to explore options for a water feature prayer garden. The environment provides unique circumstances due to the wind. It is important to find a meaningful adjunct to the space while not posing a problem with water leaks and building issues.

VIII. Good of the Parish

- A.** Many positive comments have been received about the state of the campus. It looks great due to the hard work of Mike and Les and an army of volunteers!
- B.** Congratulations to the staff, musicians, and ministers for a beautiful Easter celebration. Well Done!
- C.** Forty-four students were confirmed last night.
- D.** Lenten Fish Fry Season has come to a close with amazing results. All those who helped serve will be honored with a dinner this Friday evening.
- E.** May 21st will be a jubilee celebration for Monsignor Ray Kertz at OLA. Mass at 2:30pm followed by a reception.

Closing Prayer – meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:55 pm

Next meeting: June 8, 2017 at 8pm-**note change due to graduation**

Submitted by: Terra Naumowich

From Maintenance to Mission

The book is finished...WE ARE NOT!

Next steps:

- Where do we go from here?
- As a parish what are our goals?
- How can we implement the three goals of *Go and Make disciples*?

Discussion Points

- We need to continue to be welcoming. What steps can we take to enhance our welcoming spirit? There is a new spirit of collaboration. What message are we sending to the community outside our church? Is there an explicit message of welcome?
- It is important to examine the gifts we have in the parish and the needs...then develop the program.
- Engaging our young people should be a top priority. How do we cut through the distractions to meaningfully engage the youth?
- Do we as a parish and council have the confidence to answer the questions asked of us? How do we handle those tough questions?
- Do we need to define the mission further? Is it too broad?
- Commission work needs to be focused this mission. We need to evaluate each work and agenda item to see how it fits into mission. If not, maybe it's not necessary?
- Living the Gospel in our daily life...Is it enough?